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Tunnel via Bandipur Sanctuary to connect Mysuru-Kerala

New Delhi/ Mysuru, Jan. 11 (MTY&BCT)- The Centre has decided to construct an underground tunnel to connect Mysuru and Kerala via the Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

Since 2009, Kerala has been demanding Karnataka to lift the night ban imposed on the entry and exit of vehicles via the Tiger Reserve from 9 pm to 6 am. The ban, according to Kerala government, has hampered the State's economy. At present, there is a ban on night traffic on NH-212 that connects Karnataka to Kerala via Gundlupet in Chamarajanagar and on NH-67 that links Karnataka to Tamil Nadu.

In view of the night traffic ban, the Centre has decided to find an alternative to connect Karnataka and Kerala through a tunnel without disturbing the flora and fauna. The distance between Bandipur and Sultan Batheri in Kerala is about 36 kilometres and the tunnel will be constructed only in the forest area.

Before clearing the ecologically high-impact project, the Centre will constitute a technical committee comprising experts and environmentalists to study the pros and cons of the project. The committee will also collect opinions from Karnataka and Kerala on the ecological impact and benefits of such a project.

Picture for representation only.

The Centre has expressed its desire to construct the tunnel before the Supreme Court yesterday and Attorney General K.K. Venugopal made the submission before a Division Bench. Venugopal told the Bench that the exact distance of the tunnel will be known only after the technical committee submits its report.

Hearing the Attorney General's submission, the SC Bench asked him to direct the Centre to constitute the technical committee within four weeks and ask it to submit its report by the end of July this year.

The Centre has decided to construct the tunnel only at the place where the animal concentration is less and parts of the Bandipur Game Sanctuary will be used for the purpose.

While there have been road kills since the ban on night traffic was imposed, they have come down drastically even as Bandipur and Nagarahole helped Mysuru achieve the distinction of being the tiger capital of the world. Apart from a significant decrease in the number of fatalities, the ban has allowed wild animals their space, said Forest Department officers.

They said that number of road kills may be underestimated as many injured animals drag themselves off to die in the nearby shrubbery. Some carcasses are scavenged by other animals, which also fall prey to speeding vehicles. The total number of animals being killed on roads running through Bandipur and Nagarahole is unknown.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

Bahuroopi: Three-day art camp begins at Rangayana

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (MTY&VNS)- The three-day State-Level Art camp organised as part of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival - 2018, began at Rangayana this morning.

Inaugurating the art camp, C. Chandrashekar, former Chairman of Karnataka Lalithakala Academy said that it was important for an artist to have a good experience of life to create great works and to explore the world.

He added that artists need to update themselves on latest developments.

Speaking about 'Migration' the theme for this year's Bahuroopi, Chandrashekar said earlier, there were only instances of birds migrating for breeding and in search of food and later people started migrating in search of employment.

"It is always a great advantage for an artist to have an experience of migration as it would bring out new ideas and thoughts to create good art work," he said.

C. Chandrashekar, former Chairman, Karnataka Lalithakala Academy, seen inaugurating the three-day art camp as part of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival - 2018 at Rangayana this morning. Also seen are Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjuna Swamy, Camp Co-ordinator Shantha Taayi Nagure, Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam, Bahuroopi Co-ordinator Mime Ramesh and former Rangayana Director Chidambara Rao Jambe.

Rangayana has invited 10 artists — Prakash Naik (Sirsi), Somasundar Murthy (Mysuru), Niranjana Makali (Ballari), Aiyaz Patel (Vijayapura), Tarakeshwari (Bengaluru), H. Shivakumar (Mandya), Durgesh Maratagera (Raichur), Santosh Kumar Chikkanna (Bidar), G. Naveen (Udupi) and Uma Patel (Bengaluru) — for the camp.

The artists have been provided with all required materials including canvas to create two different art works. They will also be given an honorarium of Rs. 15,000 each by Rangayana.

Meanwhile, workers and artistes at Rangayana have been working to beautify the repertory premises for the theatre fest.

(See BAHUROOPI on page 8)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.
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Flourishing fakes, frauds

Consumers of their needs in daily life find themselves in the present world of fakes and frauds. The media, with the hawk's eye of its army of reporters, is doing excellent job of bringing the flourishing trade to the notice of the people, who are taking the offending flock in their strides, with the administration giving an impression of nabbing the miscreants. Until not too long ago, only those who belong to a well-marked ethnic section in the country's population were known to fake any and every product, particularly automobile parts of the most selling models, with another equally well-marked ethnic section selling the faked products in their retail outlets all over the country, including Mysuru. If somebody is not aware of these two sections who produce fakes and trade in those imitations, let it be so.

School children are brought on stage on many celebratory occasions such as Independence Day, Republic Day, School Annual Fests and so on being attired like many past heroes of the country's freedom struggle, virtually *faking* those great men and women, much to the delight of the parents and other invited guests to the events. Does this prompt one to remark that the seeds of faking are sown in the young minds, to blossom later in life? That may sound like a far-fetched verdict on the children (!) whether it holds water or not.

While the producers of counterfeit goods are immune from getting traced, the shop-keepers who serve as conduit in the system are carrying on their trade virtually openly. The consumers who buy the faked goods are flummoxed on two counts, namely *a)* The seller claiming that even the producers of original products are aware of the fakes in the market and *b)* Warranty of the quality of products may be a mirage but the shop-keepers offer to replace products if found defective. The latest to happen in the world of fakes is the scene on the streets of Mysuru witnessing sale of helmets with faked ISI marking. Reports of faked eggs, milk and even perishables in different parts of the country mirror the *fait accompli* of consumers left with Hobson's choice as it were — take it or leave it. The ongoing e-commerce has also been exposed for its fraudulent dark underbelly.

The now-forgotten financial fraud that fooled all sections of society in Bangalore (now Bengaluru) several decades ago fades into nothing compared to that committed by the Big Bull or the author of fake stamp papers not too long ago. If people at large choose not to be vigilant about frauds and fakes and readily offer themselves to be the sacrificial goats of the perpetrators, God help them!

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

If you pee, don't bother touching the flush!" Simon, who rents his Cape Town flat out on Airbnb, has a rather strange demand to make of all his guests. "Use the flush only if it is completely necessary. I know it is hot, but do not spend more than two minutes in the shower." Day Zero is what Simon and his fellow Cape Town residents call it and they expect it to arrive in May. They pray to the weather Gods to save them, but the crisis is already here. Cape Town, with an estimated population of 3.74 million, has been hit by a severe drought and is well on its way to being waterless. Experts predict the city may completely run out of water by late April. Residents will be fined if they use more than their allotted quota of water. At the Newlands stadium, vendors refuse to sell more than one water bottle per head. *— Venkata Krishna B. in The New Sunday Express.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Can't afford three separate weddings so...

Kampala: Mohammed Ssemanda, a 50-year-old Muslim man from Uganda, made news headlines all over Africa last month, when he married three women in a single ceremony, because he couldn't afford to marry them separately. Ssemanda, a food vendor from the town of Katabi, in Uganda's Wakiso district, caused quite a shock when he showed up at the local parish with three women, all wearing white wedding gowns. He told reporters on the scene that his wives all know that he isn't doing very well financially, but they all agreed to marry him out of love. The 50-year-old added that the women aren't jealous of each other and know that he will work very hard to support them. Asked how she feels about the 3-in-1 wedding, Salmat Naluwugge said "I thank our husband for marrying us all at once; it is a sign that he will not discriminate." Poligamy is frowned upon even in most Muslim countries, with many believing that it is only acceptable for the sake of widows and orphans with no means to support themselves.

Turkmenistan President's new rules

Ashgabat: The new year got off to a rocky start for owners of black cars in Turkmenistan's capital. Reports of black automobiles being impounded without warning or explanation have been coming out of Ashgabat since New Year's Day. As of Jan, 2018, black cars have been made illegal in the city of Ashgabat. According to several independent sources, Police started towing black cars to government parking lots on Jan. 1st, without even bothering to notify the owners. But why is black frowned upon and white so revered in Turkmenistan? Well, as RadioFreeEuropRadioLiberty noted in a 2015 article, "white has long been a feature of the carefully constructed personality cult of President Gurbanguly Berdymukhammedov. The former dentist has draped his capital Ashgabat in white marble, appears in white amid white carpets and white flower arrangements." Unfortunately, the impact of the new rule has hit many black car owners in Ashgabat very hard. Having a car repainted in the country's favourite colour – white – was already very expensive.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What can I find in my cupboard that will help with my heartburn?

Try mixing mustard with olive oil, as a salad dressing. It's used by the French to relieve heartburn. It is said to stimulate digestive enzymes, thereby speeding up digestion, emptying the stomach faster.

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New ISRO Chairman

New Delhi, Jan. 11 - K. Sivan, popularly known as the 'Rocket Man' of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), was yesterday appointed as its new Chairman.

K. Sivan

Sivan is well-known for his contribution to the development of cryogenic engines for India's space programme and is currently serving as the Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre in Thiruvananthapuram.

He will be the ninth Head of the ISRO and will succeed A.S. Kiran Kumar, whose three-year terms end on Jan. 14.

Sivan, a graduate of the Indian Institute of Technology, joined ISRO in 1982.

Graduates Day at JSS

Mysuru, Jan. 11- JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, B.N. Road, Mysuru, is celebrating tenth Graduates' Day on Jan. 12 at 11.30 am in the Golden Jubilee Hall of the college. Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Dr. R. Ramanan, Director, Atal Innovation Mission, Additional Secretary, NITI Aayog, New Delhi, will address the Graduates. Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, will administer the oath.

A total of 746 students, 387 Under-Graduate and 359 Post-Graduates will receive degrees while 54 toppers will be honoured on this occasion, according to a press release from Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah, Chief Executive and Prof. M. Mahadevappa, Principal.

Interaction with achievers

Mysuru, Jan.11 (US)- Renowned Folk Scholar Dr. P.K. Rajashekar has been selected for the programme 'An interaction with achievers' being organised by the Department of Kannada and Culture tomorrow at 2 pm at Jayalakshmammanni Hall in Maharani's Arts College here.

MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha will inaugurate the programme. Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies Professor Dr. Nilagiri Talwar will preside. Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjuna Swamy and College Principal Dr. M. Chennabasavegowda will be the chief guest, according to a press release.

Really...?

- ***Greek sculpture strongly influenced many portrayals of Indian Gods and Goddesses, particularly after the conquest of Alexander the Great around 330 B.C. In fact, early Indian Gods had Greek features and only later did distinct Indian styles emerge.***
- ***Chandragupta Maurya (340-290 B.C.), a leader in India who established the Mauryan Empire (321-185 B.C.), was guarded by a band of women on horseback.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

"Daddy, Daddy," the girl cried. "Mummy has just fallen off the roof!"

"I know, Dear," said Mulla Nasrudin, "I saw her pass the window!!"

Today's Currency Rate

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1 Euro	= Rs. 76.15

VOICE OF THE READER

Dr. Ishwar Gilada's opinion about Osho's health mere assumption

Osho

Dr. Gilada

Sir,

This refers to the two-part Interview of Dr. Ishwar S. Gilada, President of AIDS Society of India (ASI), published in *Star of Mysore* dated Jan. 7 and Jan. 8. Here I would like to clarify on Dr. Gilada's comments about Osho Rajneesh.

When Osho was arrested on Oct. 29, 1985, at Oklahoma State, he was kept in 6 different jails for 12 days where his personal doctors Dr. Devageet and Dr. Amrito suspect that he was poisoned with thallium and exposed to radiation.

Those 12 days Osho's body started losing resistance against diseases. The thallium poison cannot be detected in blood, saliva or semen, yet Dr. Dhyan Yogi sent all the samples to a few countries.

The European experts in England and Germany have suggested the name of a certain poison, thallium. It is a poison of a family of poisons of heavy metals. It disappears from the body in eight weeks' time but leaves its effects and destroys the body's resistance against diseases. And all the symptoms that were mentioned are part of thallium poisoning.

His health started deteriorating and Osho started losing weight. His appetite decreased and was getting frequent fevers.

Millions of Osho followers all over the world were doctors and medical experts and they should be contacted before coming to conclusion. Osho was speaking about freeing the mind from sex and its perversions but he never orchestrated open sex. When one woman found HIV + in Oregon commune Osho spoke with his disciples about importance of monogamy.

I suggest Dr. Ishwar Gilada should visit Osho Meditation Resort, Pune and speak with the world's best doctors who lived with Osho for 25-plus years who are still living and teaching in the Resort.

—Shashi Kumar,
Osho Glimpse Centre
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Natl. Youth Day tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan.11- Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru, in association with Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala and Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education, Yadavagiri, will be celebrating National Youth Day on Jan.12 in a grand manner.

Nearly 2,000 students from various schools along with teachers will be participating in the programme which begins with floral tribute to Swami Vivekananda's Statue at Cheluvamba Park.

The procession starts from Akashavani Circle at 3.15 pm covering Kalidasa Road, Mathrumandali Circle, Temple Road and concludes at Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala.

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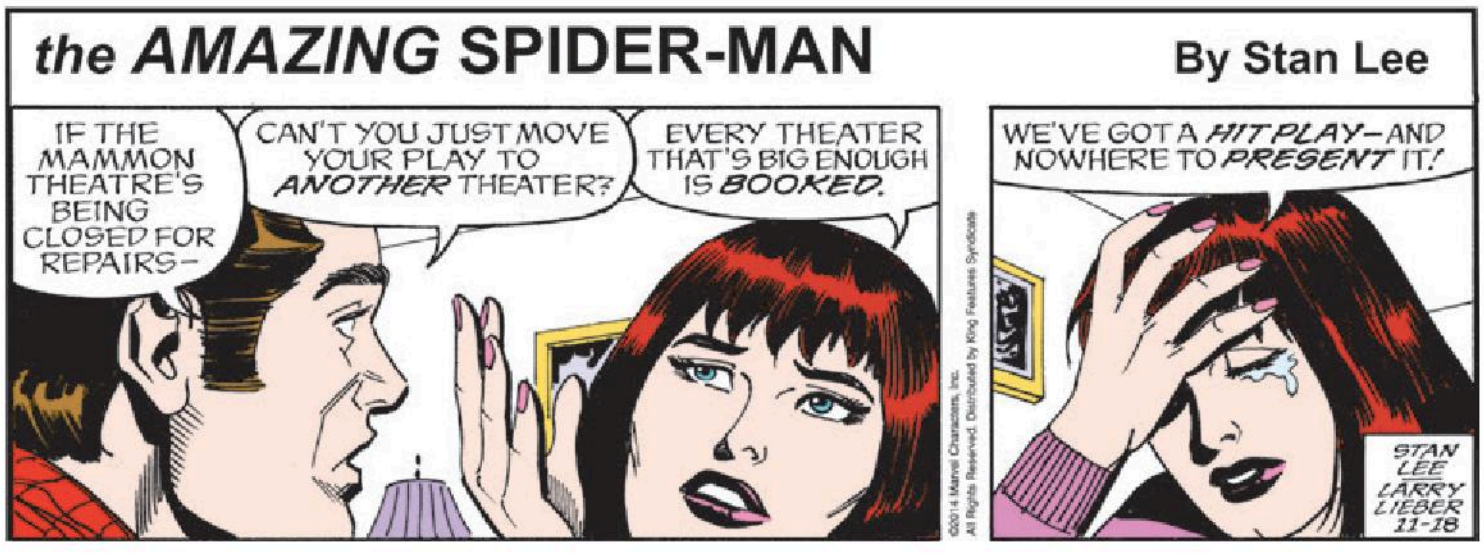
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NEWS BRIEFS

Hosa Varsha - Hosa Hejje Prog.

In order to promote literary talent in students and the visually-challenged, the Mysuru District Unit of Bengaluru-based 'Samartha Kannadigaru' organisation will be organising a programme titled 'Hosa Varsha - Hosa Hejje' in city at 10 am on Jan.21. The event features sessions involving students, youth and visually-challenged persons. For details, contact Mob: 70192-56411 or 74111-46205 or 97389-77620 or WhatsApp: 70199-78440.

Walkathon

Podar Jumbo Kids, Mysuru, has organised a 'Walkathon' with the theme 'Kartavya - A walk on road safety' on Jan.13 (Saturday) at the main street of Hebbal 2nd Stage from 9.45 am to 11 am. The walkathon, which will be flagged off by Hebbal Police Inspector Thimmegowda at Leo Janani Apartment, will conclude at Abhishek Circle (200 mts). For further details, contact Mob: 94824-09004, according to a press release from the School.

Health camp

Liver and Pancreas screening camp has been organised at Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital, CAH/1, 3rd Phase, Devanur, Mysuru, from 12 am to 2 pm till Jan.18. For details, call Mob: 95380-52378, according to a press release from the Hospital.

Annual Day

The Genius Degree and PU College located in KBL Layout, Bannur Road in city, will be celebrating its Annual Day 'Genius Zenkara' at Town Hall at 4 pm on Jan.12 (Friday). MUDA Chairman D. Dhruvakumar will inaugurate the event. MyLAC Chairman H.A. Venkatesh will be the chief guest, according to a press release from the College.

Postponed

The interview process to appoint technical apprentice at the KSRTC, which was scheduled to be held on Jan.18, has been postponed to Jan.19 at 10 am, according to KSRTC Mysuru Urban Divisional Controller.

General Meeting

The General Meeting of Mysuru Taluk Panchayat will be held at Mini Vidhana Soudha on Jan.20 from 11 am. The meeting will be presided by Taluk Panchayat President, according to Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer.

Unanimously elected

The election to the Administrative Board of Hoysala Karnataka Sangha was scheduled to be held on Jan.13. However, as the 15 candidates who were in the fray have been unanimously selected and hence, there will be no election.

BJP and RSS akin to extremists, says CM Siddharamaiah

Chamarajanagar, Jan.11 (SS&DM)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah yesterday lashed out at the BJP and RSS, and equated them with "extremists" (ugragaami) for fomenting tension and disharmony in society.

Speaking to reporters on his arrival at Nagavalli in Chamarajanagar Taluk for inaugurating a slew of developmental projects and initiatives yesterday morning, Siddharamaiah said that the BJP-RSS-VHP and Bajarang Dal were akin to extremists "in a way". "But the Government will not tolerate any activity of any organisation that promotes tension in society," he added.

He said the Government would initiate action against anyone who foments communal disharmony, be it the RSS or the PFI. When questioned whether he would recommend banning any organisation, he was ambivalent, saying, "Let us see once we get proof."

He said, "Even I am a Hindu, but have not used it for political gains. They have started Hindutva, but my Hinduism is one with a humane face and theirs is one devoid of it. That is the difference between us and the BJP," he added. He lashed out at the BJP and questioned their contribution to the socio-economic development of the Dalits and the other socially backward sections of society.

Replying to a question on the death threat to Minister Tanveer Sait, the CM said that he had no information about it. However, he will speak to Sait and ask the Police to up the Minister's security and also to thoroughly investigate the death threat.

When asked about BJP leader A.R. Krishnamurthy's (ARK) chances of joining the Congress, he said that he had not talked to ARK in this regard. The CM also refuted reports on his meeting with ARK's mother to discuss ARK's entry to the Congress party.

Replying to a query on his meeting with prominent Opposition Leaders during the Congress party's 'Sadhana Samavesha', Siddharamaiah said that he only made a courtesy visit to former Minister and JD(S) leader M.C. Nanaiah's residence at Madikeri on Jan.9, as Nanaiah was ailing for some time.

He also said that he and Nanaiah maintained a close relationship since the Janata Parivar days and that there was nothing special about the meeting. Lashing out at the BJP for making baseless allegations against him, he called BJP leaders as liars.

Alleging that several BJP leaders were themselves facing charges of corruption, Siddharamaiah said that the BJP leaders have no moral right to point fingers at him on corruption and misuse of power.

Earlier, the Chief Minister who arrived at Nagavalli from Madikeri in a helicopter was received by Chamarajanagar District in-Charge Minister Dr. Geetha Mahadevaprasad, MP R. Dhruvanarayan, MLA Puttarangashetty, ZP President M. Ramachandra, DC B. Ramu, ADC Gayatri, AC Shazia Tarannum, SP D.K. Meena and a host of other officials.

The Chief Minister after launching a slew of projects and developmental works worth Rs.43.6 crore in Chamarajanagar Taluk, left for Kollegal, following which he will visit Hanur and stay overnight at M.M. Hills.

CM announces taluk status for Hanur

CM Siddharamaiah, Chamarajanagar District Minister Dr. Geetha Mahadevaprasad, MP R. Dhruvanarayan and others seen during the launch of various development projects in Chamarajanagar yesterday.

Chamarajanagar, Jan.11- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah yesterday launched various development projects, including the long-pending multi-village drinking water project and officially announced taluk status to Hanur.

The drinking water project, expected to solve the problems of two lakh people in 166 villages, was launched at Nagavalli in Chamarajanagar taluk. Speaking on the occasion, the CM remembered late Minister H.S. Mahadevaprasad, who played a major role in initiating the project. The Kabini River water is released to Ummathuru, at a distance of 17 km where it is purified. Later, the water is pumped and supplied through pipelines. At Hanur, the CM launched various programmes and inaugurated buildings.

The CM distributed Title Deeds to 1,000 beneficiaries, gas connections worth Rs.58 lakh, sheep, and goat to beneficiaries at a cost of Rs.75 lakh, inaugurated a dormitory constructed by the Tourism Department at Boodabalu village at a cost of Rs.1 crore.

He participated in the *Bhoomi Puja* of several road works worth crores of rupees. He inaugurated the KSRTC bus stand constructed at a cost of Rs.3 crore, Vadakkehalla Bridge at a cost of Rs.3.5 crore and other works.

Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa to be recommended for Bharat Ratna: CM

Madikeri, Jan.11- Field Marshal Kodandera M. Cariappa's name will be recommended for *Bharat Ratna*, said Chief Minister Siddharamaiah. He was speaking to reporters at Madikeri on Tuesday after addressing "Sadhana Samavesha."

It may be recalled here that on Nov.4, Chief of the Army Staff General Bipin Rawat, while speaking after unveiling of bronze statues of K.M. Cariappa and General Kodandera S. Thimayya at Cauvery College Gonikoppal in South Kodagu, had said that it was time to recommend Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa for the *Bharat Ratna*. "If others can get it (Bharat Ratna), I see no reason why Field Marshal Cariappa shouldn't be a deserving personality for the same," he had said amidst thunderous applause from the audience.

K.M. Cariappa

Army Tank for General Thimayya Museum at Madikeri

An Army Tank is being transported from Kirkee War Cemetery at Khadki in Maharashtra, to General Thimayya Museum at Madikeri. The tank will be placed at "Sunny Side," Gen. Thimayya's house that is being converted into a museum. A truck carrying the tank has left Pune on Jan.8 and is expected to reach Madikeri on Jan.12.

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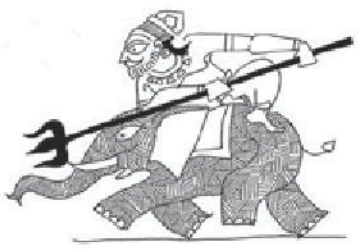
Decoding Mythology

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

A Hinduism before Bhakti

A thousand years ago, India was very different from what it is today. North India had yet to face significant conquest by Muslim warlords from Central Asia. Sailors travelled from India's coast to South East Asia taking advantage of the summer monsoon winds. When the winds reversed in winter, they returned home to Indian shores. These travels began many centuries earlier, perhaps as early as the time of the Buddha, 2,500 years ago, starting from Odisha and Bengal, and spreading to Tamil Nadu, peaking at the time of the Chola kings in 10th century CE.



Hinduism then was very different from Hinduism that we know today. The focus was on material success *(artha)* and physical pleasure *(kama)*, with the overarching royal order *(dharma)* enabling this. There was little conversation on liberation *(moksha)* that gripped Hinduism in the last 1,000 years, following the rise of Vedanta acharyas such as Ramanuja and Madhva of South India. There was absolutely no conversation on devotion *(bhakti)* that is the cornerstone of Hinduism today. How do we know this? We just have to experience Hinduism that travelled with sea-traders to South East Asia and manifested in grand building projects between 800 CE and 1400 CE in what is now Cambodia, Thailand and Indonesia. These are Buddhist countries today, with an ancient memory linked to Hinduism that came earlier, before being displaced.

In most of these countries, historians have found layers of culture: first an indigenous tribal culture, over which sits Hinduism, often mixed with Buddhism, mostly the later Mahayana variety of the multi-armed and multi-headed Bodhisatvas, followed by the more formal and less flamboyant Thervada Buddhism with images of the serene Buddha in many postures, displaying many thought-provoking gestures. In some countries like Indonesia, this is displaced by Islam from 14th century onwards (though Islamic fundamentalists insist that 'pure' Islam rather than 'Indianised' Sufi Islam reached there much before the 9th century).

As one travels through the ruins of Angkor Wat, or experiences the Ramayana performances of Bali, or visits the grand Buddhist shrines of Thailand where kings were named after Ram and capitals after Ayodhya, one notices great familiarity with Gods like Shiva, Vishnu, Krishna, Ram, Indra and Brahma. You notice familiarity with the epics Ramayana and Mahabharata and with the mythological universe of the Ocean of Milk and Mount Mandara, even Swarga and Naraka and Naga-loka, common to Hinduism and Buddhism. There is less familiarity with Goddess worship, who has fewer icons. The story of the blood-drinking demon-queen Rangda in Bali seems vaguely familiar with Kali, but she is seen in a negative light, defeated by Barong, the lion-like leader of good spirits.

Most conspicuous by its absence is *bhakti*. No sign of the passionate songs of Alvar and Nayamnar poets who introduced *bhakti* to South India. No sign of Krishna's Radha or *raas-leela*. No sign of *madhurya-bhaav* (romance), or *viraha-bhakti* (separation). Just images of war and triumph over nature and over enemies. Adventurous brahmin-priests travelled to these lands to make their fortune, as indicated by ancient legends of sages such as Agastya and Kaundinya, marrying local Naga Princesses. They built their reputation by enabling local kings, attracting fortune-bestowing energies through Tantrik practices centred around the mystical Shiva, and establishing order through the regal Vishnu. They were not interested, or less interested, in Vedanta or *bhakti*. And this reveals so much about the shifts in Hindu thought over time and space.

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TRAVELOGUE

American Dreams-4

Halloween is not complete without pumpkins!

The author posing in front of pumpkins at a farm in Salt Lake City.

By N.K.A. Ballal,
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[Continued from Jan. 4]

I was always under a wrong impression that we Indians believed in *bhootha, pretha,* superstitions, ghosts etc., but I was in for a surprise on this US visit. Westerners too believe on all the above as much as we do and the only difference is that they have mastered the art of marketing even *bhootha* and *pretha,* by hosting the festival of 'Halloween.'

October 31, the All Saints Day is celebrated as Halloween Day. The origin of this festival is hotly debated, whether it is of a Celtic origin or a Pagan practice but it is generally believed to be a Celtic festival based on the festival of Shamhain. The Day is celebrated with bonfires, costumes and feasting to ward of the ghosts. This day was earlier known as "All Hallows Eve" and is shortened as Halloween. It is believed that ghosts roam around on that day and the costume is to confuse them ! In some homes, they even place plates and food on dining tables to appease these ghosts; something like our own tradition of feeding the crows.

The tradition of trick or treat, practiced by children when they go from door-to-door started from Scotland. The children were supposed to get sweet in exchange for a poem or a verse. The children used to dress up as angels, demons or saints. But with the pop culture invading the cities, the dresses have undergone a sea change and the children come dressed up in the guise of all the latest comic heroes and heroines. The sale of these costumes start

Ballal in Halloween costume.

nearly one month in advance in select stores.

The atmosphere in the neighbourhood is like a mela, even new-borns or toddlers are dressed up and the parents go door-to-door carrying them. In case any house does not want to participate in this festival, they just have to switch off their front lights and nobody disturbs them. Many a families spend a lot for this festival. They offer a full bar of chocolates or even snacks like pop corn and hot chocolates to children when they come to the doorstep saying "trick or treat." The best thing about this festival is that all people, brown, white or black, participate. Children as usual flock to homes which give the big chocolates.

Halloween is not complete without pumpkins. Carving pumpkins like jack-o-lanterns is an Irish tradition. Originally they used turnips and potatoes for carving but of late pumpkins are used extensively. The pumpkins are specially grown for this festival across the country in huge numbers. They come in all sizes, shapes and colours. Each house at least keep about 5 pumpkins decorated in front of their homes. For one month, wherever one shops, one finds pumpkin cookies, breads, cakes and pudding all over. What happens to all the pumpkins once Halloween is over? It is left to rot in the fields or fed to the cows!

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The city also hosts a **"Witches Festival"** during this period. It is estimated that each family spends about 75 to 100 dollars for this festival and so the total spend in America alone for Halloween is about 450 million dollars!

[To be continued]

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Democracy in India

Enough of Westminster Model, why not US Model?

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This has reference to K.B. Ganapathy's *Abracadabra* in *Star of Mysore* dated Jan.3 regarding the perpetuation of dynastic politics in Indian democracy. How true! Dynastic politics is in the DNA of Indian political system.

For a common, hard-working, honest and tax-paying citizen, democracy in India has very little to offer other than it is an open licence to politicians and officials to plunder public money.

It gives unbridled freedom to Government officials to draw their salary without having to attend office regularly (most of the Government offices in Mysuru has around 50-60% attendance). It gives anti-social elements the right to vandalise public and private property, to indulge in *rasta-roko* on highways without having to face the wrath of law. One can do anything and get away scot-free!

Democracy in India has brought in vote-bank politics which is detrimental for good administration. **The Police even hesitate to take action against some sections of people, community or political groups because of the dictates of their political masters.** Many heads of Government offices hesitate to take disciplinary action against corrupt and incompetent staff because of their caste and political leanings.

I have seen many employees displaying photos of their political idols on their tables. Hundreds of corrupt officials are raided and their ill-gotten wealth seized by the ACB. **But then our Government does not accord sanction to prosecute because of the official's caste or religion and political leanings.** Even during riots, Police action is selective and dependent on the caste or political affiliation of the mob. One can go on and on. **I believe these are the perils of democracy in India.**

As a common senior citizen, I expect reasonable service from Government agencies while paying my house tax or register a property, get a driving licence and expect a reasonable law and order situation. But unfortunately, one has to go through touts to get your job done on time. If this is democracy, then what is the alternative?

I am not for a moment advocating dictatorship. But definitely unbridled freedom to do anything against the State and go scot-free is not an ideal situation for honest, hard-working and law-abiding citizens of the country.

Westminster Parliamentary type of the British that we imitated for governance perhaps has outlived its effectiveness under Indian context. Imagine a scenario where coalition Governments at the Centre and States are held hostage by a few over-ambitious, greedy and self-serving MPs and MLAs. We have experienced this both during the earlier NDA, UPA regimes and in many State Governments. The rampant corruption and looting of Nation's natural resources by some of the Ministers belonging to minor coalition is still fresh in our memory.

A former Prime Minister has acknowledged this as coalition compulsion! We have witnessed coalition Governments compelled to have only **common minimum programme** which seriously impacts the overall development of the country because of coalition compulsions. Does this kind of Parliamentary Democracy suit Indian conditions where more than 50% of the law-makers are facing criminal charges, some as heinous as rape, murder, kidnap and extortion? As if to add salt to the injury, many of them even become Ministers.

If you ask any honest citizen, I am sure he will say an emphatic NO for this kind of governance. Then what is the solution?

Given the fact that a large section of our politicians, across all the political parties are corrupt with criminal background, only a Presidential form of government like in USA may suit our corrupt Indian polity. Imagine a scenario where the Prime Minister or the Chief Minister is directly elected by the people and the prerogative of appointing the right person for the right job without being obliged to appoint our MPs and MLAs as Ministers. Is it not an ideal option?

At one stroke, you are eliminating the corrupt and inefficient law-makers from holding Ministerial offices and looting the exchequer. People may say this will lead to dictatorship. But then the Parliament or the Assembly can always act as a check and balance as in the case of the Senate and Congress in USA.

Making law should be the business of our elected representatives as in the US Senate and Congress, apart from monitoring proper implementation of those laws.

Major policy decisions will have to be cleared by the Parliament and the respective State Assemblies as in the US and France. **At one stroke the clamour to become an MLA and MP will lose its charm and drastically reduce the electoral malpractices like offering inducement to the voter and will deter candidates with criminal background to contest elections.**

This is only the feeling of an anguished senior citizen and perhaps shared by millions of honest citizens across the country. **This is only a food for thought and may be the future younger, intelligent and less corrupt generation will usher in honest and clean governance and amend the Constitution at an appropriate time to bring in the Presidential form of governance.** A wishful thinking?

EC to launch three dozen apps ahead of Assembly polls

Election Commission says it wants to make elections modern, fair, secure and people-friendly

Bengaluru, Jan. 11 (KMS& BCT)- The Election Commission (EC) will be rolling out more than three dozen apps in the coming days in a bid to make the 2018 Karnataka Assembly polls more "technology friendly."

Determined to make the ensuing polls a 'festival of people,' the EC has decided to use IT at all levels and involve people directly to keep tab on political parties and their activities. The Commission yesterday launched an application, designed by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (OCEO), Karnataka, to facilitate better voter enrolment/ registration process.

Umesh Sinha, Senior Deputy Election Commissioner, said that voters can get complete details about their polling station's address, Assembly constituencies and other details on their mobile phones.

To know the details, voters have to enter their electoral photo ID card number (EPIC) or send an SMS to 9731979899 in the following format - KAEPIC (space) ID card No. (Eg: KAEPIC XYZ1509201).

Apps will be launched to address complaints, to give clearances for campaign-related activities and to access polling stations that will be digitally mapped, Sinha said and added strict enforcement of model code of conduct and expenditure monitoring will be put in place. Enforcement agencies like I-T and Excise Departments have been asked to track movement of cash on inter-State borders, and take action against distributing gifts in tokens and coupons form. Central Police forces will be provided at all strategic locations while CCTVs, flying squads and static surveillance teams will be set up in all constituencies.

Ensuring secrecy of voting, especially in postal ballot, the EC will use encrypted ballots named e-ballots. Encrypted blank postal ballots will be sent to the persons directly and only they can download it. After casting their vote, they will have to send it to Returning Officers through speed post. Returning Officers handling such encrypted ballots will be given OTPs and they could count them only after getting OTP authentication.

Countering the inducement of voters by political parties, the EC will step up its surveillance system and it has roped in I-T and Enforcement Directorate officials to keep a tab on the election expenditure of candidates.

The 2013 polls were felt to be tough with a cap on expenditure for candidates. However, after amending the rules in 2014, the EC has now increased the spending per candidate from earlier Rs. 7.5 lakh to Rs. 28 lakh. The poll expenses per constituency are also likely to be hiked.

Keeping an eye on the expenditure by candidates, three flying squads and three static squads will be deployed at every Assembly segment besides constituting an Expenditure Monitoring Committee at district-level.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. 03/MYS/2018 of 10-01-2018

The undersigned on behalf of The President of India invites E-tenders for the following work

Item of work	Approximate Value
Mysuru :- Development of Rail museum Sub Work - I :- Construction of compound wall 475 mtr. Sub Work - II :- Renovation of quarter No. 126 Sub Work - III :- Construction of toilet for Gents & ladies (as per drawing No. CE/59/A)	Rs. 41,14,383/-

Last Date of submission of bids for above tenders is 02-02-2018 up to 11-00 hrs.

For details log on to www.mlgts.gov.in

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Information & Communication Division, Dos in Computer Science, University of Mysore, Mysuru

No.MU/ICD/Wird-Tender/97/2017-18 Date: 10.01.2018

Tender Notification

(Through Karnataka Government e-procurement portal only)

The System Coordinator, Information and Communication Division, Dos in Computer Science, University of Mysore, Mysuru invites Providing Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Campus Wireless and Wired Network at University of Mysore, Mysuru

Tender Indent No.: 1. MU/ICD/AMC-WIRELESS/2017-18
2.MU/ICD/AMC-WIRED/2017-18

Last Date for submission 09.02.2018

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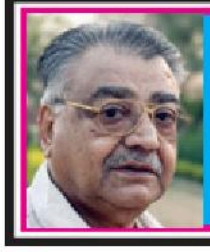

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Supreme Court redeems Journalists' Right to Freedom of Expression

Ah! Supreme Court !! It was the only good news for me as a life-long journalist. The newspapers headlined it variously but the one I liked read, ***"Supreme Court upholds journalists' Freedom of Expression."***

Before I come to the case in which this journalist-friendly judgement came from the highest Court of our country, let me quote here what the Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dipak Misra said: *"There could be some error or enthusiasm in reporting an alleged scam. But we must allow Freedom of Speech and Expression to Press at the fullest. There may be some wrong reporting. For that they need not be hauled up for defamation."*

The reason for the people, specially those whose name is connected with a scam, scandal or an offence, to rush to the Court and file a criminal or civil defamation case, at the drop of a hat as they say, is that our Constitution does not separate the Right of "Freedom of Speech and Expression" from that of a citizen of our country and the journalists who work for the print and electronic (TV, radio and now the social) media. This has inhibited the media from taking, what we call, "poetic liberty" while reporting news about people and events.

In the changed world of journalism, our law-makers should take note of the observation made by the Supreme Court in this case, filed against the heavy-weight journalists Rajdeep Sardesai and Raghav Bahl by the daughter of a former Bihar Minister Parveen Amanullah, and proceed to either amend the Constitution or make appropriate law providing **immunity** from filing false and frivolous **criminal defamation** cases against them, as in the present case.

It may be recalled that some time back there was a debate and discussion at some quarters about annulling the provisions of the **criminal defamation** and providing only for **civil defamation** which will save the accused (journalist) from taking bail and being present in the Court for each hearing. And the hearing would, as we know in India, go on for decades! However, the issue was not taken to its logical end leaving it as it was in the IPC and Cr.PC.

"In a democracy you must learn to **tolerate**... Defamation may be Constitutionally valid. But an alleged incorrect news item about a scam does not amount to defamation."

— CJI Dipak Misra

In some cases, regret or correction or even apology, as demanded by the complainant, is published and yet the defamation case is filed. The Courts, despite being shown the regret or apology note, decide to proceed saying "let the trial be completed." Courts too must be pro-active before taking a case on record.

It is the experience of newspapers and TV channels that the Court at the entry point simply takes on record any defamation case filed before it. In contrast, if a private criminal complaint of other nature is filed before the same Court, because the Police have refused to accept the complaint, often such private complaints are either rejected at the entry itself or referred to the same Police to 'investigate and report'!

The complaint may, thereafter, be taken on record or rejected. I wish the same approach was taken while admitting the criminal defamation case. As for civil defamation, this problem does not arise as the complainant pays a Court fee as prescribed.

However, this is the very reason for people to file **criminal defamation** because it is FREE except for Advocate's fee.

I have seen all this in my life, like many other journalists. Imagine a third-class licensed contractor in Madikeri, Kodagu, gets a contract for making a road. Complaints were made about the poor quality of the road for which the bill was paid. The complainants invited journalists for inspection of the road and the report appeared in *'Mysooru Mithra'* our Kannada sister publication in single column quoting the local political leader.

I was the Editor, then, of the paper and one day, a month after the news was published, I get a summons. Apparently, the Judge did not read the IPC Section 499 relating to Defamation which talks about **'intention', 'public good'** and **'good faith.'** Sad. I engage a lawyer. I pay him a fee. One day my Madikeri Manager told me the case was dismissed as the complainant did not attend the Court etc. Thank God.

In another case I got the criminal defamation case compromised and withdrawn or whatever, paying over a lakh of rupees to the complainant. How long can I go to Madikeri to attend the case or how many times can my lawyer file a memo saying I am sick or give some silly excuse. Exemption from appearance too was rejected... Hell. Paid the price and came out of it after a year. I know there are many who are still caught in this web. Once I asked a couple of senior, famous journalists of National papers at a seminar to do something about this **'black-mailing of journalists in a legal way,'** but they did not seem to take me seriously.

The late Editor of *'Outlook'* magazine Vinod Mehta too had written in his *'Delhi Diary'* column about his experience in attending the Court for a couple of years, the nauseating atmosphere with the stink of toilet making him want to puke etc. To his good luck, the Judge of the Court read this column and in the very next hearing dismissed the case and he was discharged. Alleluia!

It is for these reasons, I appreciate the 'courage' of our Chief Justice in saying what he had said about defamation cases against media. **I remember the US Attorney General Michael Mukasey saying: "Not every wrong, or even every violation of the law, is a crime."**

I also remember Justice Lentin of Bombay High Court in an interview, given to *Indian Express* magazine on 13th September, 1987, saying that: **"In determining Justice I see no reason not to bend the laws to help someone who deserves to be helped. This is perfectly tenable in law."**

I guess, our present CJI Dipak Misra is one such Judge like Justice Lentin. May his tribe increase.

And before I forget, I would like to remind our law-makers and also the adjudicators of the law that old order must change yielding place to new to have a peaceful, equitable society. What I mean is that a suitable amendment to the law be made in this regard because our Holy books are inevitably sticking to the 'old order' not even allowing new equitable law to be passed to bring in **social justice**. Let Justice prevail.

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Bahuroopi

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The stalls for the book and handicraft exhibitions have been erected to ensure they are ready for the inauguration of Bahuroopi scheduled on Jan. 14. There will be a total of 18 book stalls, 18 handicraft stalls and about 12 food stalls at the venue.

The main entrance of Rangayana is also being decorated with a welcome arch facing Vinoba Road. For the benefit of theatre buffs, Rangayana has installed a big display board of events and programmes near the reception counter.

Advance tickets for various plays are being sold at Rangayana and online as well. Online tickets are available at *www.bookmyshow.com.*

This year's Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival will be inaugurated by Jnanpith Awardee Girish Karnad on Jan. 14 at 5.30 pm at Vanaranga.

Workshop on Nanomaterials begins at SJCE

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (US&RKB)- A two-day workshop on 'Recent trends in nanomaterials for energy and electronic applications,' organised by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering of JSS Science and Technology University, SJCE commenced here this morning.

About 100 representatives of various engineering colleges are participating in the workshop which features seminars and interactions on the topic.

Inaugurating the programme, Dr. K.V. Ramanujachary, Professor, Department of Chemistry and Bio-Chemistry, Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey, USA, opined that more thrust should be given on ultra large scale integrated devices of electronic industry which can solve many problems.

Speaking as the guest of honour, JSS Science and Technology University Registrar Dr. K.S. Lokesh opined that the future of the country was depending on youth and advised the students to focus on subject-based learning. SJCE Principal Dr. T.N. Nagabhushan, Programme Convenor Dr. Shankaraiah, Co-ordinator Dr. Veena and others were present.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	**102.96 ft**
Yesterday	**102.98 ft**
Inflow	**260 cusecs**
Outflow	**279 cusecs**
Last year on this date	**79.43 ft**

Crab seller's sermon for good health

Shivakumar Gowda posing with bunches of crabs.

Mysuru, Jan.11 (MTY&NNN)- Driving down the Ideal Jawa Railway underbridge, a curious sight greets the drivers from a distance, of a bunch tied together hung on a railing and some laid on the ground. On closer look, it is revealed that they are crabs.

A man wearing a cap and squatting holds them. He is Shivakumar Gowda, resident of Metagalli who sells crabs, which he has been doing for a number of years. Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, a hesitant Gowda said, *"I have been in this profession for a long time and I sell crabs, prawns, jelebi fish (Tilapia), fresh water crabs. I have supplied these items during Bengaluru Ahara Mela and even during the recent Dasara Ahara Mela. I sold 500 kg fresh water crabs during that time."*

The crabs bunched together in a dozen are sold at Rs.250 a dozen. Gowda said that eating crabs is good for health and hence many doctors, engineers come to him for purchase.

He sources it from the villagers near Kere Tonnuru and surrounding places where they catch the crabs and sell it to him. "The demand for crabs picks up on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays and on Sundays I sell as many as 50 dozens. The other two days I sell 35 to 40 dozens. I do not work on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays as they are lean days," he said.

Gowda has hired an assistant to clean the crabs for which he charges Rs.20 extra for a dozen. "The same crabs are sold in the market for anywhere between Rs.300 to Rs. 350 a dozen. Eating crabs is good for post natal mothers, obese people to lose weight and generally it is considered a medicinal diet," he said.

There are nearly 6,793 species of crabs spread across oceans, rivers, water and even on land.

CORRIGENDUM

The **St. Thomas Central School** advt., invites applications from dedicated & eligible individuals who share a passion for the development of young minds, published in Star of Mysore dated 6.1.2018, page No.5. the contact number should be read as

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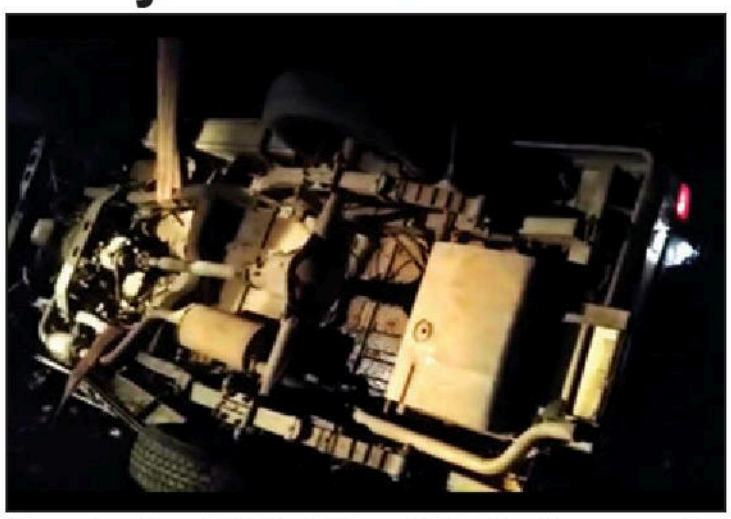
Miraculous escape for City Mounted Police



A team from Mounted Police in Mysuru had a miraculous escape when their vehicle met with an accident at Dongar Ghat between Armiri-Bhandara Highway near Nagpur at around 8.30 pm yesterday. The Bolero vehicle turned turtle and rolled into a thick bush. Fortunately, the bush prevented the vehicle from plunging into a deep valley. The team was on its way to Patna to participate in the 36th All India Police Equestrian Championship. The occupants of the vehicle broke open the jeep's glass and sought help from the other vehicles in the group. The Bolero was later lifted with the help of a crane. No one was injured in the accident and the team has reached Nagpur.

Tiger sightings at Bandipur surge

Six spotted on Day-3

Mysuru, Jan. 11- Six tigers were sighted at the Bandipur Tiger Reserve on the third day of the State-wide tiger census yesterday. Today morning, one striped big cat was sighted near the Tiger Tank.

The carnivore and mega herbivore sign survey taken up as part of All-India Tiger Estimation 2018 saw a surge in both carnivore and herbivore sightings in Bandipur. A Line Transect Survey will be held today and tomorrow. This entails sampling of the vegetation, human disturbance and pellet count along the transect lines.

The carnivore sign survey in Bandipur Tiger Reserve yesterday resulted in sightings of six tigers — two in Kundkere Range and one each in Bandipur, Maddur, Maleyur and N. Begur ranges. Two leopards were sighted — one each in the Moolehole and Maleyur range while three dogs were sighted at Gundre ranges.

The herbivore sign survey also resulted in the sighting of 52 elephants — 17 in Gundre, 12 in Maddur, nine in Kundkere range, seven in Himavad Gopalaswamy Betta, two each in Moolehole and Omkar range, and three in Maleyur range.

These sightings are only a broad indicator of the carnivore and prey density in a given area. The actual tiger figures will be arrived at after collecting all the data and subjecting it to vigorous analysis through statistical methods.

Besides, pug marks and excreta of the wild cats were found in abundance. These data will be studied in tandem with the images captured on the camera-traps that will be set up in a grid of 2x2 sq km across national parks and tiger reserves.

The camera-trapping exercise will be taken up after the completion of field survey in tiger reserves and national parks (on Jan. 13) and in the territorial forest divisions (on Jan. 27).

Tiger census volunteers spot a big cat on the banks of Tiger Tank inside the Bandipur Tiger Reserve this morning.

Water birds spotted at Bandipur.

SEWAGE FARM STINK

Mysuru South Apartment residents threaten to boycott Assembly polls

Mysuru, Jan.11 (US&MTY)- With no respite from the stink of the garbage piled up enormously at the Excel Solid Waste Management Plant or Sewage Farm at Vidyaranyapuram, Federation of Mysuru South Apartment Owners and Welfare Association has decided to boycott the forthcoming Assembly elections and also garner support of all the residents in Vidyaranyapuram and Chamundipuram through a massive campaign.

In the vicinity of the Waste Treatment Plant are 24 apartment complexes housing about 2,000 flats with 8,000-odd residents. Added to that are about 20 schools and colleges with thousands of students and all of them continue to suffer the unbearable stench from the garbage accumulated at the plant, according to the residents.

Federation member Shivaji Rao Jadhav speaking to *Star of Mysore* alleged that the chemical spray to contain the stink was ineffective, wasting lakhs of rupees of tax payers' money. With no way to go, he contended that the residents had decided to boycott the polls if no corrective measures were taken before that.

Briefing further, Jadhav said that commencing next week, the Federation would submit a memorandum in that context every week to Deputy Commissioner, MCC Commissioner, ward Corporator, Mayor and MP in that order and watch for the response and action. He further said that a signature campaign of all the students of the region would be launched along with garnering support of all the residents of JP Nagar, Vishveshwaranagar, Vidyaranyapuram and Chamundipuram to join the campaign to boycott the polls. He added that leaflets on the matter would be distributed to all people to draw their support.

Going further another member of the Federation Y.A. Subramanya alleged that medical waste from many hospitals and nursing homes were being indiscriminately dumped at the treatment plant which should be actually incinerated at source.

Raising concern of a fire mishap due to release of the highly combustible methane gas from the unprocessed waste, Subramanya expressed apprehension that it would be a major catastrophe which would be an impossible challenge for fire tenders.

He alleged that hospitals across the city are bringing medical and surgical waste to Sewage Farm at night and are disposing them off after bribing the gatekeepers of the Farm. Many times, residents have seen human body parts including fingers, legs amidst heaps of garbage.

Half helmets are legal

if they have ISI certification, says BIS

Bengaluru, Jan. 11 - The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has clarified that there are no restrictions on half helmets as long as they have an ISI mark.

In response to a letter by Bengaluru Police, seeking details on standard parameters prescribed by it for helmets, BIS yesterday said all helmets with ISI mark are approved by it.

Quoting the reply by BIS, the Bengaluru Police said that helmets with ISI mark are allowed as they have been examined and tested by BIS officials in the manufacturing unit itself. Even the Karnataka Motor Vehicles Act specifies ISI or BIS-approved helmets.

"We will issue a detailed note next week on which helmets are legal and which are not. There is no mention of half helmets or full helmet but every helmet should have an ISI or BIS mark," the Police said.

NO INSURANCE

Meanwhile, the Karnataka High Court has ordered that insurance companies should not compensate accident victims not wearing ISI-marked helmets. Justice L. Narayanaswamy passed the order on an appeal by the Oriental Insurance Company challenging an order by a Court in Madhugiri directing the company to compensate accident victims.

The HC held that motorists should wear helmets as prescribed under rule 230 of the Karnataka Motor Vehicles Rules. The Court stated that a helmet should have ISI number (IS 4151:1993) mentioned on it. Besides, the helmet should also contain the manufacturer's name, year of manufacturing and size which should also be easy to read, the order stated.

KTPPA-MTC CS Tennis Tournament

Sanjay, Aryan have it easy

Mysuru, Jan. 11- Top-seed G.S. Sanjay (Kerala) and local lad Aryan Ashwath Pathange (KAR) scored creditable wins over their respective rivals and entered the semi-finals in the U-18 boys section in the KTPPA-MTC AITA Championship Series Tennis Championship, played at the Mysore Tennis Club, here yesterday.

Sanjay scored a well earned 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over eighth seed Anand Prakash Gupta (MP), while second seeded Aryan Ashwath Pathange cruised to a 6-4, 6-1 win over D. Harshavardhan (TN) to enter the quarter-finals in the U-18 boys singles event.

In the girls U-18 singles, top-seed P. Yashaswini Singh (MP) outsmarted the challenge put up by Nitya Shekar 6-0, 6-1, while second seed Sanjana Sirimalla (TEL) got the better of R. Sagaya Angelin Shalini 6-1, 6-1.

RESULTS

Boys: U-18 Quarter-finals

G.S. Sanjay (Ker) bt Anand Prakash Gupta (MP) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, Arnav Pathange (Kar) bt G.Manish (Kar) 7-5, 6-1, Rishi Paventhan (TN) bt Saisiddarth Nandakumar (Tel) 4-6, 6-2, 7-5, Aryan Ashwath Pathange (Kar) bt D. Harshavardhan (TN) 6-4, 6-1.

Doubles -Semi-finals

G.S. Sanjay & Ajith Kumar (Ker) bt N.Rishab & Shashank Narde 1-6, 6-3 (10-7), Aryan Pathange & Arnav Pathange bt Anmay Yogish & Nithilan Eric 6-0, 6-2.

Girls U-18

P. Yashaswini Singh (MP) bt Nitya Shekar 6-0, 6-1, K. Kushi Santhosh (Kar) bt Nivedita Shankar (Ker) 6-2, 6-3, G. Yashomathi (TN) bt R. Sagarika Sonni (Kar) 7-5, 6-1, Sanjana Sirimalla (Tel) bt R. Sagaya Angelin Shalini 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles

Yashwini Pawar & Sanjana Sirimalla bt A.S. Sagaya and Nitya Shekar 6-1, 6-2, Sagarika Sonni & Kushi Santhosh bt Ishitha D Jadhav and Harini Abhinaya 6-1, 6-1.

KSCA Mysuru Zonal League

Saathvik shines for Vidyaranya CC

Mysuru, Jan. 11- A six-wicket haul by medium-pacer Saathvik Shyamnur (six for 40), helped Vidyaranya CC to register a facile eight-wicket win over Sri Krishnarajendra Sports Club, K. R. Nagar, in their two-day KSCA Mysuru Zone I Division League tie played at the SDNR Wadiyar grounds, here recently.

THE SCORES

I DIVISION

Sri Krishnarajendra SC 193 in 75.5 overs (K.V. Ganesh 50, Poornachandra 26, Saathvik S. Shyamnur six for 40, T. Niranjan three for 62) & 112 in 46.1 overs (K.V. Ganesh 29, N. Surya 20, Praveen three for four, T. Niranjan two for 29, M. Nagendra two for 12) lost to Vidyaranya CC 203 in 53.2 overs (Saksham Kaul 66, L. Nagarjun 34, T. Niranjan 30 n.o., R. Ashrith 27, Tejas six for 50, Poornachandra two for 36) & 103 for two in 15 overs (L.Nagarjun 50, Sampreeth R. Shetty 25 n.o.).

FUCC 191 in 57.3 overs (Anish John 87, M.A. Aquib Khan 34, M.N. Naveen Kumar 31, Mohinder Vinayak five for 63, C.R. Aiyappa two for 25) & 161 for nine in 66 overs (P. Ramesh 40 n.o, S. Pradeep 30, K. Vinay Kumar 23, R. Hemanth 22, C.R. Aiyappa three for 12, H.V. Krishna Prasad two for 25) drew with Navodaya CC 373 for seven decl. in 82 overs (Anshuman Guru 94, S. Karthik 77, M.G. Vinyas 53 n.o., B.S. Deepak 48, Prajwal Pavan 40, P.Ramesh three for 68).

KSCA Mysuru Zone's Sri Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket

9-wicket win for Jo Jo CC

Mysuru, Jan. 11- Good batting by opener N. Bharath (78 n.o., 12x4, 3x6) helped JoJo CC to register a facile nine-wicket win over Karavali Cricketers and enter the quarter-finals in the KSCA Mysuru Zone's Sri Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket Tournament played at the JSS-SJCE Grounds here yesterday.

SCORES

Karavali Cricketers 138 in 30.4 overs (Rahul V. Kashyap 58, B.M. Poovaiah 20, G. Shantaraj three for 23, Sankarshan Joshi two for 29) lost to JoJo CC 139 for one in 16.4 overs (N. Bharath 78 n.o, R. Prateeksh 26, M. Venkatesh 25 n.o.).

Venus CC 205 in 40.1 overs (Madhu 80, N. Umesh 44, Ashok Kumar two for 34) lost to Mysore CC 208 for five in 33.4 overs (M. Naveen 73 n.o, D. Prabharan 35, K. Harish 29 n.o., S.Suprith 21).

Teresian College wins Women's Hockey Tournament

Teresian Degree College women won the Mysore City Inter Collegiate Hockey Tournament jointly organised by Teresian College, Onkarmal Somani College of Education & Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore, here recently. The winning team is seen with Department of Physical Education Deputy Director Dr. Y. Pulakeshi Shettappanavar, N.S. Subramanya, Convener, Mysore City Inter -Collegiate Tournament, T. Sundar, Hockey Coach, University of Mysore and Antony Moses, Physical Education Director, Teresian College.

Inter-School Throwball Tournament

Harohalli Govt. School, Geet Bharathi School excel

Mysuru, Jan. 11- Harohalli Government School and Geeta Bharathi School of Siddharthanagar won the U-14 District Level Throwball Tournament for U-14 Boys and Girls respectively organized by Citizen Convent, Udayagiri in association with Mysore District Throwball Association, here recently. A total of 38 teams from Mysuru — 20 teams in boys category and 18 teams in girls category — took part in the tournament.

In the finals of the boys category, Harohalli Government School beat Geeta Bharathi School in two straight sets 25,21 and 25,23 to emerge victorious and in the girls category, Geeta Bharathi School beat Citizen Convent three sets decider 25, 23; 19,25 and 25,21 to win the coveted trophy. Simran Kousar was declared at the best player of the tournament. The prizes to the winners was distributed by ZP President Nayeema Sulthana.

Earlier, the tournament was inaugurated by Block Education Officer D. Uday Kumar, Former Mayor Ayub Khan, City Convent Founder Secretary and Head Mistress Maha Jabeen and others were present.

Rainbow Public School students excel in Karate

Students of Rainbow Public School won prizes in the National Karate Championship organised by Kokusai Shogen Ryu Karate Do, India, held at Deepa PU College at Roopanagar, here recently. The winners U. Aditya , C.P. Tarun Gowda, Kushal M. Basappa, Hemani Kuldeep, C.P. Varun Gowda, Shreyas, Shivani Chethan, G. Harsha, J. Vijayalakshmi, H. Suprith, N.M. Kushal, D. Jayathu, A. Yatheendra, Tanush Ganapathy, V. Dheya, G. Jeevan, H.M. Jeevan, and Ravichethan are seen with Cariappa, Chairman of Rainbow Public School, Sujani Cariappa, Head Mistress and Renshi K.P. Johnson.

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

Train No.	Name	Dep.Mys	Arr.B'lore	DepB'lore	Arr.Mys
22818/22817	Mysore-Howrah Weekly Exp.	12.30 am (Mon)	02.50 am (Mon)	01.00 am (Sun)	03.45 am (Sun)
16217/16218	Mysore-Sainagar Shirdi Weekly Express	05.10 am (Mon)	07.55 am (Mon)	03.30 am (Thu)	06.00am (Thu)
56231/56232	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	05.50 am	09.15 am	09.20 am	12.35 pm
17326/17325	Vishwa Manava Express (Hubballi-Mysuru-Hubballi Daily)	06.10 am	8.55 am	5.45 pm	8.40 pm
16215/16216	Chamundi Express	06.45 am	09.30 am	06.15 pm	09.05 pm
12578/12577	Mysore-Dharbanga Weekly Exp.	07.20 am (Sat)	09.55 am (Sat)	08.55 pm (Thu)	11.30pm(Thu)
16229/16230	Mysore-Varanasi Bi-weekly Exp.	07.20 am (Tue & Thu)	09.55 am	12.15 am (Sun & Tue)	02.50 am (Sun & Tue)
16023/16024	Mysore-Yesvantpur-Malgudi Exp.	08.20 am	11.05 am	01.30 pm	04.15 pm
56281/56282	Chamarajnagar-Bangalore Passenger	09.05 am	12.15 pm	03.30 pm	06.40 pm
12975/12976	Jaipur Express (super fast)	10.20 am (Thursdays & Saturdays)	12.45 pm	01.00 pm (Wednesday & Friday)	03.45 pm

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12008/12007	Shatabdi-Express (except Wednesdays)	02.15 pm	04.15 pm	11.00 am	01.00 pm
16557/16558	Mysore-Bangalore Rajya Rani Express	02.30 pm	05.10 pm	10.30 am	01.30 pm
56237/56238	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	02.45 pm	06.05 pm	07.00 pm	10.20 pm
16232/16231	Mysore-Mayiladuthurai Express	03.30 pm	06.15 pm	06.00 am	08.40 am
16535/16536	Mysore-Solapur Golgumbaz Exp.	04.00 pm	06.50 pm	08.05 am	11.00 am
16219/16220	Tirupati Express	05.00 pm	08.15 pm	07.30 am	10.30 am
16236/16235	MysoreTuticorn Express	06.00 pm	09.00 pm	07.00 am	9.45 am
16210/16209	Mysore-AjmerMysore Express	06.30 pm (Tuesdays & Thursdays)	09.30 pm	03.30 am (Sundays & Tuesdays)	06.00 am
16592/16591	Mysore-Hubli Hampi Exp.	07.00 pm	09.50 pm	06.20 am	09.15 am
16227/16228	Mysore-Talaguppa-Mysore Exp.	07.40 pm	11.05 pm	04.30 am	08.00 am
22681/22682	Mysore-Chennai Weekly SF Exp	08.10 pm (Wed)	10.45 pm (Wed)	05.40am (Fri)	8.20am (Fri)
16022/16021	Cauvery Express (to Chennai)	08.30 pm	11.25 pm	04.00 am	06.50 am
56263/56264	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	11.55 pm	04.00 am	11.55 pm	04.00 am

TOWARDS NANJANGUD /CHAMARAJNAGAR (Passengers)

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56206/56205	Mysore-Nanjangud	09.00 am	09.50 am(N'gud)	10.15 am(N'gud)	11.10 am
56202/56281	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	05.00 am	06.40 am	07.00 am	09.00 am
56204/56203	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	07.20 am	09.10 am	10.40 am	12.25 pm
16220/16219	Tirupati-Chamarajanagar	10.30 am	12.20 pm	03.10 pm	04.45 pm
56210/56209	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	12.30 pm	02.15 pm	06.00 pm	07.50 pm
56208/56207	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	02.50 pm	04.40 pm	04.55 pm	06.35 pm
56282/56201	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	06.45 pm	08.35 pm	08.50 pm	10.30 pm

TOWARDS HASSAN/ ARSIKERE

		Dep.Mys	Arr.A'kere	Dep A'kere	Arr.Mys
11036/11035	Mysore-Dadar Sharavathi Express	06.15 am (Sunday)	09.10 am	06.05 pm	09.40 pm (Friday)
56266/56265	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	07.15 am	11.10 am	05.30 pm	9.25 pm
56270/56269	Mysore-Shimoga Town Passenger	10.20 am	01.45 pm	12.30 pm	04.30 pm
56216/56215	Mysore-Hassan-Yesvantpur Passenger	8.30 am	02.45 pm (Yesvantpur)	01.00 pm (Yesvantpur)	08.00 pm
56268/56267	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	06.20 pm	10.30 pm	05.00 am	09.25 am
12781/12782	Mysore-Nizamuddin (New Delhi) Swarna Jayanthi Superfast Weekly Express	08.10 pm	11.05 pm (Friday)	01.40 am	04.55 am (Wed.)
17301/17302	Mysore-Dharwad Express	10.30 pm	01.30 am	03.05 am	07.00 am

		Dep.Mys	Arr. Shimoga	Dep.Shimoga	Arr.Mys
16206/16205	Mysore-Talaguppa Express	06.00 am	10.53 am	04.40 pm	10.15 pm
56276/56275	Mysore-Shimoga Passenger	01.10 pm	07.20 pm	07.50 am	02.30 pm

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		Dep.	Arr.
16523/17	MysoreKarwar/Kannur Express	11.30 pm (Mys.)	2.00 pm (Kar)
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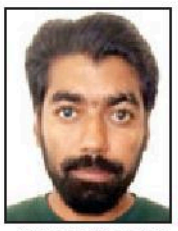
Operation Decoy

Two vanity bag snatchers arrested

Rs. 1.7 lakh worth gold ornaments, bike and mobile phones recovered



Sunny Donald

Kiran

Mysuru, Jan.11 (RK&KS)- Vijayanagar Police, with the help of women staff and following instructions from City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao, who conducted 'Operation Decoy' near Vidyavardhaka College on Jan.8, have nabbed two vanity bag snatchers and have recovered gold ornaments and two mobile phones besides seizing a bike from them.

The arrested have been identified as 24-year-old Sunny Donald and 21-year-old Kiran, residents of R.S. Naidu Nagar in city.

The two were nabbed when they snatched a mobile phone from a woman Police staff on Jan.8 night near Oyster Bay Hotel and tried to escape on the bike.

During interrogation, the accused are said to have confessed of snatching a vanity bag containing gold ornaments and mobile phone from a woman pillion rider in front of Kalamandira on Hunsur Road on Dec.28, 2017 night and a purse from a woman near Vijayanagar Water Tank on Dec.29, 2017.

The Cops have recovered gold ornaments worth Rs.1.7 lakh, two Samsung J7 Prime mobile phones and have also seized a Bajaj Pulsar bike from them.

Following such incidents, the Police Chief had instructed the Cops to take help of the women staff and conduct 'Operation Decoy' in their jurisdiction.

The accused were also experts in bike stunts and had committed similar crimes earlier for which cases were registered at N.R. and Jayalakshmipuram Police Stations.

DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe and N.R. Sub-Division ACP Umesh G. Shet supervised Vijayanagar Inspector P.N. Anil Kumar, SI N. Ramachandra, ASI Krishna and staff Roopa, Mahesh, C. Sagar, Suresh, Eshwar and Shankar in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Group assault on man

Eight held, Cops prevent major crime

Mysuru, Jan.11 (RK&KS)- Nazarbad Police have arrested eight youths including minors on charges of riot and assaulting a person in Siddarthanagar here.

The arrested have been identified as Sunil, Shivadatta, Nanjunda, Yeshwanth, Nivedan and others.

It is learnt that Sunil and Shivadatta were enemies and had earlier indulged in a fight near JSS Ayurveda College and Devegowda Circle here. In a bid to compromise, some friends had called the two near Madhu Fast Food in Siddarthanagar during which verbal duel ensued between the youths resulting in exchange of blows leaving one Mohammed Ghouse Shariff injured.

Residents who witnessed the commotion on the street, informed Nazarbad Police resulting in Nazarbad Inspector M.L. Shekar and staff rushing to the spot. The youths, who saw the Police, fled from the spot leaving their bikes behind, which was seized by the Police. The timely arrival of the Police prevented a major crime.

Based on the statement given by Ghouse, the Nazarbad Police had registered a case and based on the registration numbers of the bikes the youths had left behind, the Cops traced their residences on Monday and arrested them.

Obituary

K.S. Sathyanarayana

Mysuru, Jan.11- K.S. Sathyanarayana (92), retired teacher and a resident of # 48, 'Mythri,' opposite KRS Railway line in Metagalli, passed away yesterday morning. He leaves behind his wife Kamalamma, son Pani Bhaskar, daughter Vani Prasad and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be performed tomorrow after 11 am at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam here.

Dr. M.A. Shariff

Dr. M.A. Shariff (63), former Professor and HoD - Surgery, MMC&RI and a resident of Subash Nagar in city, passed away last night.

A native of Kanakpura, he leaves behind his wife, a son and a daughter. Namaz-e-Janaza will be held in Mysuru followed by burial at Bengaluru today at 5 pm.

Threat calls, SMS: Security beefed up at Tanveer Sait's house in city

Security men seen outside Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait's house in Udayagiri in city following a death threat to him from underworld don Ravi Poojary.

Mysuru, Jan.11 (RKB&NNN)- Security to Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait has been increased with two additional Policemen posted at his house on M.G. Road in Udayagiri, in city. This measure follows, after Sait complained receiving threat calls by underworld don Ravi Poojary.

DCP N. Vishnuvardhana told *SOM* here this morning that there was a gunman posted at Sait's house earlier. However, after the threat to the Minister and his complaint regarding it, two more security staff had been stationed from day-before-yesterday and they would be guarding the house round the clock.

Sait said that he had received threat calls, SMS message on his mobile phone and through the internet demanding a ransom of Rs.10 crore and if he did not pay, he had to pay with his life.

He wrote to the Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and Home Minister Ramalinga Reddy about the threat calls and SMS messages.

City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao told the Media that security had been increased as per the instructions from higher authorities. Even in his Bengaluru residence, the security has been tightened.

Sait told *SOM* that this was not related to any communal politics but the threat had come from the underworld. "In the beginning I received four messages mentioning that he was a close aide of Ravi Poojary and demanded Rs.10 crore. Later, Ravi Poojary himself had called me on the phone," he said.

Sait said that he had not developed personal enmity with anyone. "This is the first time I received such a threat and was surprised. However, I do not feel threatened at all. Truth will come out after investigation," he said.

Asked whether such threats could lead to communal violence, Sait said that they were not related and he had never encouraged such developments, as he was not against any community and he loved everyone.

Man sentenced to life for murder

Mysuru, Jan.11 (KS)- The Third Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced a man to life imprisonment for murdering a man on May 3, 2012 in Nanjangud. The person who has been sentenced for life has been identified as Mahadevaprasad.

On May 3, 2012, Mahadevaprasad had asked for a beedi from one Murali at the Nestle factory gate during which a fight broke out between them.

On the same day, when Murali finished his work and was returning home, Mahadevaprasad along with his friends Dharmendra, Avinash and Anand attacked Murali with lethal weapons and also attacked Santosh Kumar and Prakash with knives when they tried to break the fight resulting in serious injuries to them following which Santosh Kumar succumbed to injuries.

Nanjangud Police, who had registered a case in this regard, conducted investigation and submitted a charge-sheet to the Court.

Judge S. Surendranath, who heard the arguments, found Mahadevaprasad guilty of the crime and sentenced him to life imprisonment besides imposing a fine of Rs.12,000 and ordering to pay Rs.10,000 out of the fine to Santosh Kumar's mother Kalavathi as compensation. Public Prosecutor Vasanthi M. Angadi argued for the Government.

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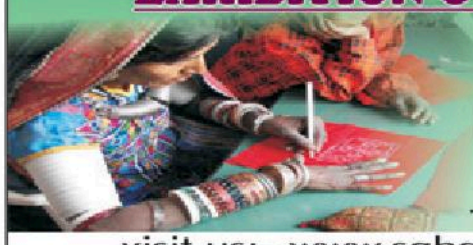
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WORD OF THE DAY

Penurious

Pronunciation: Puh-NOO R-ee-uhs
Meaning: Extremely stingy; parsimonious; miserly; extremely poor; destitute; indigent.
Example: That man is penurious though he belongs to a wealthy family.
Origin: Penurious stems from the Latin term pēnūria, which in turn is akin to the Greek peîna, "hunger," and penía, "poverty."

THE ODD WORD

Bawbee

Scottish term for a coin of low value.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Walk free

Meaning: To be released from a criminal charge without punishment, or not receive the expected or deserved punishment.

Origin: This phrase originated in USA in the early 20th century. 'Walk free' had been used literally many times before that of course. In 1764, Roger L'Estrange published a collection of Seneca's essays under the title of Seneca's Morals by Way of Abstract, which included this line: What (says he) Shall I live in Trouble and Danger myself, and the Contriver of my Death - walk free, and secure?
The meaning there isn't far removed from the current American 'walk away from a crime without any punishment'. It is doubtful that whoever began the 20th US usage consulted the essays of Seneca first, however. Our present use of the phrase comes from the USA, not ancient Rome.
The earliest modern usage of the phrase is from the Connecticut newspaper The Bridgeport Telegram, December 1925:
"She walked free today after her fourth arrest in as many months." Over time, 'walk free' has been shortened — in the USA at least — to just 'walk'.

QUOTE BOX

The only abnormality is the incapacity to love.

—Anais Nin

RIDDLE THIS

What number do you get when you multiply all of the numbers on a telephone's number pad?

Answer: 0.

SUDOKU

	4				7			
			2	6			1	
	1		8				4	
		1		8				5
8								4
4				3		6		
	6				1		5	
	3			5	9			
			3				2	

Answer to previous puzzle

9	2	6	8	4	3	7	1	5
1	3	4	2	5	7	9	6	8
8	7	5	6	1	9	4	2	3
4	8	2	9	6	1	3	5	7
3	9	7	5	8	2	6	4	1
5	6	1	7	3	4	8	9	2
6	1	8	4	7	5	2	3	9
7	5	9	3	2	6	1	8	4
2	4	3	1	9	8	5	7	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

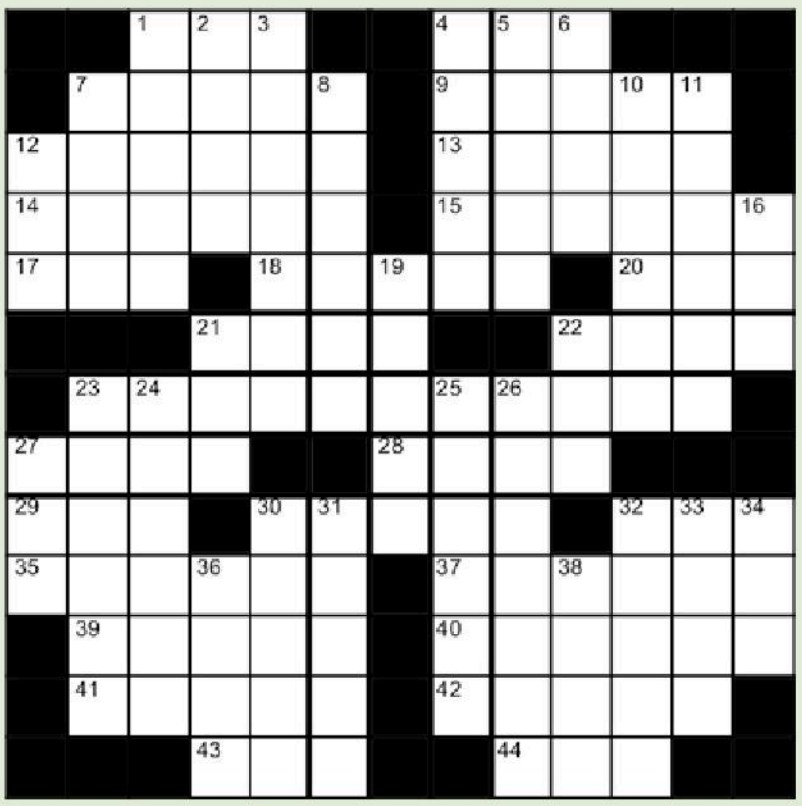
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Local measure of length equal to a yard
4 Mumbai's terminus
7 Where Sultan's wives may be living?
9 Divisions
12 Government office
13 Hebridean island
14 Preserve a corpse from decay by applying various chemicals
15 Glacial period (3,3)
17 Tech. Std. Order
18 Taken ___ : surprised or disconcerted?
20 The fourth letter by the sound of it?
21 Growl - "rang" anagram?
22 The nether world?
23 Union territory neighbouring Tamil Nadu
27 Advisor or teacher in our country?
28 Every one taken separately
29 Girl's name especially in Greek mythology?
30 Performed or accomplished something (3,2)
32 It holds the pea
35 Lever for a rudder
37 Find position of
39 Piece of cake or bread
40 Periods, ages
41 A type of Chinese tea?
42 The same again!
43 Before or ahead of
44 Christian Evidence Soc.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

		L	A	P	P		M	O	D	E	M
A	N	A	E	M	I	A		O	D	I	E	S
L	I	N	S	E	E	D		R	A	I	N	S
A	L	T	E	R	C	A	T	E				
N	E	E			E	N	E		S	L	I	P
		L	O	P		G	E	T	S	O	F	F
S	H	O	W	E	R		S	E	E	D	E	D
A	P	P	L	A	U	D		A	S	E		
P	A	E	S		H	E	R			S	A	W
			O	R	C	H	E	S	T	R	A	
E	N	D	O	W		C	O	M	P	A	N	Y
A	N	O	D	E		A	D	M	I	R	E	S
R	E	E	D	S		N	A	A	N			

DOWN
1 Swedish actress (1905-90)
2 A particular extent of ground
3 New ___ : home of the kiwis?
4 Of three dimensions?
5 Small meal
6 Exhaust or fatigue
7 Sings wordlessly
8 Bombay now
10 A buyer and seller of goods
11 In a wise and learned manner
12 Lay a ___ : deposit as a wager?
16 Slender fish
19 Bent or twisted, in a way
21 African antelope
22 Monarchical letters
23 Make one suffer for the wrong done by him
24 By word of mouth
25 ___ a cab : called a taxi?
26 Pertaining to a misplaced foetus
27 Alimentary canal
30 Furnishings of a room or of a stage?
31 Galsworthy heroine
32 Treaties or agreements between two parties or two countries
33 Roman emperor - "hoot" anagram?
34 Desmond's pet name?
36 Have difficulty in pronouncing certain words
38 Shelter for animals or birds



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XSMNFXU ACPHV KSJ ASEH MSZHECXM SY C XHFUNWSE'V

XSFVK QCEMK MNCX WHFXU MNHEH.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS N

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You cannot live on other people's promises, but if you promise others enough, you can live on your own.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Bruhaspati	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Anjani Putra	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Punarambha	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Chamak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Mufti	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Namavaru Yaaru	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Tiger Zinda Hai	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Aakhri Raat	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Aakhri Sauda	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Velaikkaran	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Agnyaathavaasi	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Middle Class Abbayi (MCA)	Padma	2521923	4 Shows

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Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (E-3D)		
	(S-1)	10 am, 5.10 pm, 7.30 pm
Insidious: The Last Key (E)	(S-1)	12.20 pm
Humble Politician Nograj	(S-1)	9.55 pm; (S-3) 9.50 pm
Agnyaathavaasi (Te)	(S-2)	10.00 am
	(S-4)	1.00 pm, 4.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Chamak (K)	(S-1)	2.25 pm
	(S-3)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.00 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 7.00 pm
Anjani Putra (K)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Aadu-2 (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm

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Insidious: The Last Key (E)	(S-1)	10 am, 2.50 pm, 7.40
	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Bruhaspati (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 am, 6.55 pm
Anjani Putra (K)	(S-4)	12.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 4.15 pm, 9.40 pm
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (E-3D)		
	(S-1)	12.15 pm, 5.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Chamak (K)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.50 pm
Aadu (Ma)	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Pitch Perfect-3 (E)	(S-2)	10.40 am
	(S-3)	7.30 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Swadeshi and Organic Farming Expo to be inaugurated this evening

Mysuru, Jan.11 (PM&KS)- The five-day Swadeshi and Organic Farming Expo- 2018, organised by Swadeshi Jagaran Manch, Mysuru, will be inaugurated at Maharaja's College Ground here at 6 pm today.

While the expo will be inaugurated by K. Sriram, Vice-President of CREDAI, Mysuru, Swadeshi Mela will be inaugurated by Vishwaprasad Alva, Managing Director of Skanray Technologies, Mysuru.

RSS Dakshina Pranth Vibhaga Sanghachalak M. Venkatram will preside. National Co-ordinator of Swadeshi Jagaran Manch Prof. B.M. Kumaraswamy will deliver the keynote address.

About 150 stalls are being set-up in which household products, handloom, handicrafts, electrical and electronics, millets, desi cow products, varieties of desi rice and other grains grown through organic farming will be on display and sales at the expo.

N.R. Manjunath, State Co-ordinator of Swadeshi Jagaran Manch told *SOM* that the expo is an attempt to bring all Indian companies under one roof to promote them and added that this is the seventh expo being held in city.

Entry is free for the expo which is open for the public from 11 am to 9.30 pm.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN.11)

Handloom and Textiles Department and JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: Exhibition-cum-Sale of pure handloom products from weavers across the country, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**

Sahara Art and Craft: Handcraft and Handloom Expo, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Dhanurmasa puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Mandiram premises, V.V. Puram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Ganabharathi: *Geeta-Vadya-Nritya Sammilana* — Vidu. M.A. Jyothi - vocal, Vidu. Smitha Srikiran - flute, Vidu. Archana Bhat - Bharatanatyam, Vidu. Nayana Shivaram - natuvanga, Vid. Keshava - violin and Vid. Tumkur Shashishankar and Radhesh - mridanga, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Swadeshi Jagarana Manch - Mysuru: Inauguration of Swadeshi and Organic Farming Expo-2018, **6 pm;** Cultural programme - *Bhava Sangama* by Sriharsha of SaRiGaMaPa fame and troupe, Maharaja's College Ground, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Mysuru and The Hebbar Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. Shelvanarayana, Melukote, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Kantharaja Urs Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Dehabhana,' Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

Discourse: Discourse on Bhagavad Gita by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji of Arsha Vidya Ashrama, Sadvidya School, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN.12)

Discourse: Discourse on Upanishad by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji of Arsha Vidya Ashrama, Eshwara Temple's Shankara Prarthana Mandira, V.V. Puram, **7 am;** Discourse on Bhagavad Gita by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji of Arsha Vidya Ashrama, Sadvidya School, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**

Department of Commerce, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College and Mysore University Commerce and Management Teachers' Forum: One-Day University-level Workshop on 'GST and Customs Duty,' Dr. H. Rajashekar chief guest, MES President R. Vasudevamurthy presided, AVC-II, College premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **9.30 am.**

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Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS): Exhibit of the Month - Lakkhi - Pencha, a decorative wooden object resembling an owl, Wellington House, Irwin Road, **10 onwards.**

Swadeshi Jagaran Manch, Mysuru: Swadeshi and Organic Farming Expo-2018, Kabbadi competition for High School students, **10.30 am to 12.30 pm;** Rangoli Competition for women, **3 pm to 5.30 pm;** Yoga Demo, **5.30 pm to 6 pm;** Lecture on 'Swadeshi Andolanada Mahatva' by K. Jagadish, State Organiser of Swadeshi Jagarana Manch, **6.15 pm to 7 pm;** Cultural programme by Vanavasi children, Maharaja's College Grounds, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Sahara Art and Craft: Handcraft and Handloom Expo, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

JSS Arts, Commerce and Science College, Ooty Road: 10th Graduation Day, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath administers oath, Atal Innovation Mission Director and NITI Ayog Additional Secretary R. Ramanan speaks, College premises, Ooty Road, **11.30 am.**

Genius PU and Degree College, K.B.L. Layout: 'Genius Jenkara,' College Annual Day celebrations, Town Hall, **4 pm.**

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Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Durga Sapthashati,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

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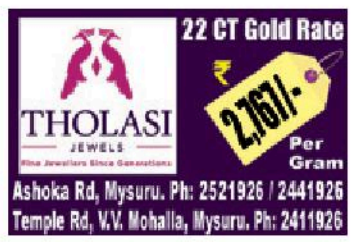

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